

Andrew Jackson to Samuel Delucenna Ingham, December 20, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO SECRETARY INGHAM.

Washington, December 20, 1830.

Sir, A communication, of which the within is a copy, has reached me from a quarter entitled to credit, and I think it due as well to the public interest as the credit of the Bank that its truth or falshood should be established. you are therefore requested to send Mr McGilleycuddy a copy of the inclosed memorandum¹ and request him to say how far it is warranted

¹ This memorandum, dated December, 1830, and in Eaton's handwriting, is as follows: "It was stated to me in 1828, that the Branch of the United States Bank at Louisville in Kentucky, by the act of two of its Directors, did, on the Sunday preceding the state election in 1825, *give* to Samuel Q. Richardson and others \$250 of the funds of that Branch, to be applied in carrying the election in Jefferson county in favor of the party then called the Old Court Party; that two persons on the same day, went to Shippingport and opened several grog-shops with a part of the money and collected together the boatmen and loose characters preparatory to next day's operations; that another party made similar arrangements and hired all the hacks in Louisville for the election, with the balance of the money; that on Monday, the first day of the election, the hacks so hired, with banners and mottoes, were constantly employed in carrying up the voters thus influenced and collected, from Shippingport and other places: By which means the Old Court Party carried the election by about 400 majority. The next year, when this influence was not exerted, the New Court Party, succeeded in that county by more than 400 majority."

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by the facts in the case, to the end that if his statement corroborates the inclosed, it may be communicated to the Bank and steps taken to correct such abuses in future

I am very respectfully yr mo. ob. Servt.